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NEWSLETTER 12.12.2025

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of the Nightingale Federation,

What a busy penultimate week of term it has been! This week we have enjoyed Christingle making across the school with Reverend Richard. Thank you for the donations of oranges. On the same day, many of the children stayed after school to enjoy the "Crafternoon," run by FOLS.

The week has culminated in two fantastic nativity performances, with children from Reception to Year 2 performing extremely well, having learnt lines, songs and dances. All the children also had great fun taking part in their Santa Dash! See photos on next page. Thank you so much for supporting all the events that both us and our Friends offer.

Looking to the week ahead, we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 16th December at 2.00pm at Lyng Church for our yearly carol service. The children will also enjoy their end of term disco on Thursday in the school hall. As a reminder, school will close at 12 noon on Friday 19th December. If children wish to do so, they may wear non school uniform on our last day.

FOLS Christmas Fair

We are pleased to let you know that FOLS raised an amazing £970 at their Christmas Fair last Friday. A big thank you goes to our fabulous FOLS team, as well as all of you who attended to help make this such a success. We can only raise much needed funds to benefit all of our children with your support. Great progress is being made with options to improve our outside play equipment and we hope to have further news on this during the spring term.

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School Performance

We are incredibly proud to share that Lyng CE Primary Academy has been announced as being in joint 14th place out of 415 schools in Norfolk, when judged on overall performance at the end of KS2 in 2025. This remarkable achievement reflects the dedication of our pupils, staff, families, and wider school community. Congratulations to everyone involved!
Please click on the link below for further details:

https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/schools-by-type?step=default&table=schools&geographic=la&for=primary&region=926

Santa Dash

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Notices & Reminders

Food Voucher Scheme for FSM Families

Christmas can be a financially challenging time for many families, so we would like to remind you that Norfolk County Council has extended the food voucher scheme for children who receive benefit-related free school meals to March 2026.

Grocery vouchers will continue to be issued monthly, sent directly to families, and will total **£240** per pupil across the year. If your family is eligible, you will receive **£75 per child in grocery 'cost of living' vouchers from December 2025 to March 2026**. Please note that this is not a single lump sum, but the combined value for those four months. Please see below for information on how to check entitlement / apply for Free School Meals.

Free School Meal Entitlement

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 automatically receive *universal infant free school meals*. This is different from *benefit-related* free school meals.
If you receive one of the qualifying benefits, please still apply even if your child is entitled to universal infant free school meals. Doing so enables the school to receive additional Government funding, known as Pupil Premium, which supports extra tuition, teaching and after-school activities.

For children in Year 3 or above, families must receive one of the qualifying benefits to be entitled to benefit-related free school meals.

Not sure if you qualify?
If you are uncertain, please submit a claim online, Free School Meal Eligibility Application: https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

If you need any help with the application process or have questions about eligibility, please get in touch with the school office, and we will be happy to assist you.

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Team Point Christmas Card Competition

We are once again running our Team Point Christmas Card Competition. Children are invited to design their cards and bring them into school to give to Mr Allott by Thursday 18 December. Please ensure they write their name, class and house point team (Herons, Kingfishers or Swans) on the reverse.

There will be 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes for each year group. The winning entries will earn extra points for their team!

New Ofsted Framework

Ofsted has introduced a clearer, more informative way of reporting inspection findings. The new report cards are designed with parents and carers in mind, replacing the previous single overall judgement with a set of colour-coded grades that highlight what's working well and where improvement is needed. This refreshed approach aims to give families a more transparent, detailed understanding of educational quality and the experience children receive. Please click on the link below for further details.

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/understanding-ofsted-report-cards-and-grades

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Shining Lights

Cherry Class – Year R
Polly is our Shining Light of the Week for her hard work in phonics over the last few weeks. She has put so much effort into her learning and we are very proud.

Willow Class – Year 1
Ralph is our Shining Light of the Week for his hard work in Phonics this week.

Willow Class – Year 2
Ailish is our Shining Light of the Week for always trying hard in all her learning. You put in 100% effort all the time and take on feedback.

Rowan Class – Year 3
Oakley is our Shining Light of the Week for his great effort in English, writing interesting questions and answers for an eyewitness report.

Rowan Class – Year 4
Argia is our Shining Light of the Week for her great effort in English, writing interesting questions and well-planned answers for an eyewitness report. Argia always tries her best in all lessons.

Oak Class – Year 5
Benjamin is our Shining Light of the Week for his excellent attention to detail with his letter writing this week and how he has developed in confidence with his maths, showing great progress and outcomes in our recent multiplication and division unit.

Oak Class – Year 6
Bradley is our Shining Light of the Week for the excellent enthusiasm he has shown across the curriculum. He engaged really well during our maths café; he volunteered and was voting in as our new child bishop and he's worked hard to improve his writing when writing a letter of complaint.

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WOW MOMENTS!

Willow J (Y1) Willow was very proud that she completed a whole Maths activity booklet and received a "star" certificate at the end.

Daisy (Y4) Daisy has moved up to the next stage in her gymnastics lessons. She also took part in her first baton twirling show recently, performing at the Dereham Christmas lights switch on.

Sophia (Y5) Sophia's story has made it through to the next stage of 500 Words. The 500 Words team received tens of thousands of entries and only around 5,000 go through for the second round of judging by the Reading Agency.

Please continue to send in your "Wow" moments for achievements out of school using the link below:

https://forms.gle/q6MZXdmzvtNHvJp19

Key Learning Questions

Year 1 & 2: How did London change after the fire?

Year 3 & 4: What influence have the Romans had on our words and numbers?

Year 5 & 6: Did the Vikings rule England?

Child Bishop

We are pleased to announce that Bradley in Year 6 has been appointed our Child Bishop. His role will be to assist Rev'd Richard in his Collective Worship sessions in the run up to Christmas. We are sure he will do an amazing job!

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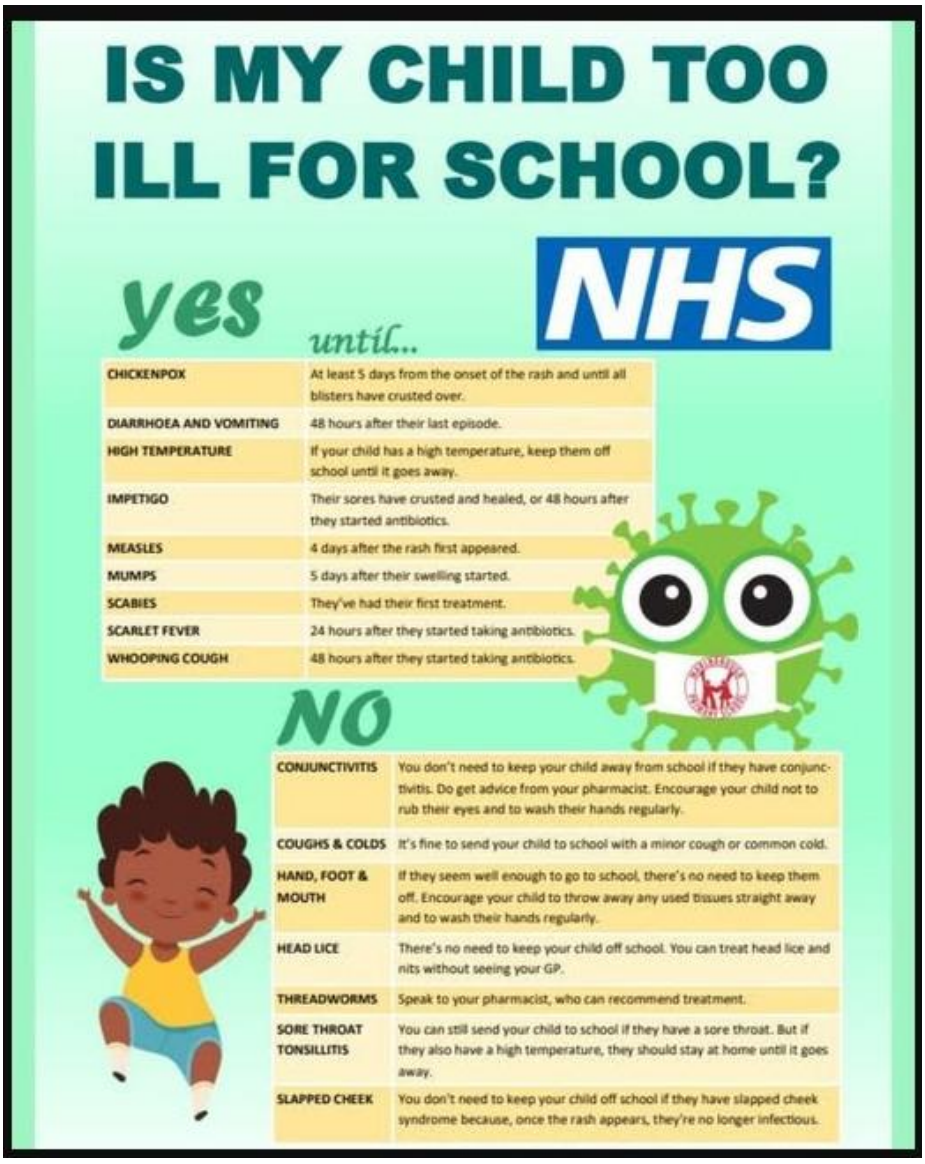

Flu Immunisation

You may have seen in the media that flu cases are on the rise. If your child did not receive the flu vaccination in school and you would like to book a community clinic appointment, please do so via the following link:

https://eastanglia.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2025/book

Final clinics are running in various locations across Norfolk on 13th December.

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Cherry Class

Cherry class has been super busy with lots of fun Christmas activities. They loved going to the post box to post their letters to Santa as well as making play dough penguins and Christingles with Reverend Richard. We have been learning all about the Nativity story and the children have been fantastic at telling the story using props.

Willow Class

We have had a busy few weeks in Willow class. We welcomed our lovely families into school for a Reading Cafe based on Ruby's Worry. It was so lovely to see so many families enjoying different reading activities. In RE we have visited the church to explore how the church prepares for Christmas and created a Christmas prayer chain!

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Rowan Class

Rowan Class have had a busy week; we have written our eyewitness accounts in English and have learnt about shape in maths. In science, we learnt about the scientific process of evaporation. In P.E. we tried cup stacking, which we all enjoyed. We also enjoyed Reverend Richard's visit, where we made and learnt about Christingles.

Oak Class

This week, Oak class have been finishing their letter writing: the Year 6s complaining about a school trip to a dreadful theme park and Year 5 persuading their headteacher to reintroduce swimming to the school curriculum. We had a very successful maths cafe on Monday, welcoming a number of parents to have some fun with fractions - thank you all for coming. Christmas is well and truly on its way with many of the children practising their lines for our carol service and the chance to see a fantastic dress rehearsal of the KS1 Nativity. In PE, we held a mini hockey tournament and the children are finalising the finishing touches to their Viking Longships.
Below are their fantastic Winter Art pieces, in the style of Vincent Van Gogh's Starry Night - proudly on display in the main corridor.

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Diary Dates 2025-26

December

15th Rowan Class Reading Café 9.00 – 9.30am

16th Christmas Lunch (wear Christmas jumpers)
Church Service at Lyng Church 2pm – all welcome

18th FOLS Christmas Disco (in the school hall)

19th **School finishes at 12pm – last day of term**

Christmas Holiday Monday 22nd December – Monday 5th January 2026

January

6th – Back to school

February

13th Break up for half term

Half term Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February

23rd Children return to school

March

27th Break up for Easter

Easter Holiday Monday 30th March – Monday 13th April

April

14th Children return to school

May

4th Bank Holiday – school closed

22nd Break up for half term

Half Term Monday 25th May – Monday 1st June

June

1st SCHOOL CLOSED – STAFF TRAINING

2nd Children return to school

July

17th Break up for summer – **school finishes at 12pm**